Dumping of Steel in India by Foreign Countries

1678. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of developed countries taking advantages of Open General Licence (OGL) are dumping steel in India;

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken to stop such dumping;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Steel Authority of India Limited has written to the Central Government requesting to take immediate necessary steps against dumping of steel plantes in India by Romania and Italy; and

(d) if so, what action has so far been taken by Government.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) to (d) Total imports of steel into the country have not shown an increasing trend so far The Designated Authority for Anti-Dumping has received only one petition alleging dumping of steel in India. This petition was received from the Steel Authority of India Limied in February'94. The petition was examined in accordance with GATT regulations and Customs Tariff Act and it was found that there was no evidence of dumping and injury.

Government has strengthened the anti-dumpnig machinery in the Ministry of Commerce. Time limits have been set for examination and disposal of anti-dumping petitions and the format of the petition has been considerably simplified.

संयुक्त उद्यम के रूप में सड़क परिवहन कम्पनी की स्थापना

1679. **श्री अजीत जोगी :**

श्री रामगोपाल यादव : क्या इस्पात मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या स्टील अथारिटी आफ इंडिया लिमिटेड का गैर-सरकारी क्षेत्र की कतिपय मोटर-यान विनिर्माण कम्पनियों के सहयोग से संयुक्त क्षेत्र के रूप में सड़क परिवहन कम्पनी की स्थापना करने का विचार है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ग) इस दिशा में अब तक कितनी प्रगति हुई है?

इस्पात मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री संतोष मोहन देव : (क) जी, नहीं ।

(ख) और (ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता

Modernisation of IISCO

1680. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Mnister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government intend to initiate modernisation of IISCO at its own initiative;

(b) whether SAIL has made any programme in this regard.

(c) by when the modernisation of IISCO is likely to begin?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTERY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) to (c) It has not been possible for the Government to take an investment decision for modernisation of Indian Iron and Steel Company Limited (IISCO) due to constraint of resources in Government and Steel Authority of India Limited (of which IISCO is a subsidiary).

Government, therefore, decided to allow private sector partcipation in the equity and management of IISCO for the purpose of ensuring expeditious modernisation of its Burnpur Steel Works. Government proposed to introduce a Bill for empowering Government to allow SAIL to transfer its shareholdings in IISCO to private persons for this purpose. The Bill was considered by the

Department Related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Industry, which presented its Report to Parliament in April, 1994. The various recommendations made in the Report are being considered by Government.

Meanwhile IISCO has become a sick industrial company in terms of the Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act, 1985, and the Board of Directors of the company have made a reference to the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) as required under section 15 of the Act for determination of measures to be adopted with respect to the Company. Any scheme to be taken up for modernisation of IISCO will therefore have to be in accordance with the orders of the BIFR in this rgard?

Suggestion of FICCI

1681. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the FICCI has recently suggested an action frame for boosting exports of value added steel products from India;

(b) if so, what are the deatils thereof; and

(c) what action Government propose to taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHN DEV): (a) and (b) In order to facilitate procurement of raw materials by steel product exporters from indigenous sources at international prices, FICCI has made the following suggestions:

(i) Exporting enterprises should be allowed to draw their raw material requirement from indigenous -producers against their duty free licences at the prevalent fob price, and

(ii) No sales tax should be charged against such supplies.

(c) Under the export-import policy, exporters already have the facility of duty free import of inputs for export production under the duty exemption scheme.

स्टील अथारिटी आफ इंडिया लिमिटेड द्वारा विभागीय स्टाकयार्ड खोलना

1682. **श्रीमती चन्द्रिका अभिनन्दन जैन** : क्या इस्पात मंत्री यह बत ने की कृपा करगे कि :

(क) स्टील अथारिटी आफ इंडिया लिमिटेड द्वारा विभागीय स्टॉकयार्ड खोलने के लिये सरकार क्या मानदंड अपना रही है ;

(ख) इस समय सौराष्ट्र-कच्छ की औद्योगिक इकाइयों में विशेषत: गांधीधाम राजकोट की लोहा तथा इस्पात की कुल कितनी वार्षिक मांग है ;

(ग) क्या कच्छ और सौराष्ट्र क्षेत्र लोहा और इस्पात की बढ़ती मांग को देखते हुये सरकार का विचार गांधीधाम में स्टील अथारिटी आफ इंडिया लिमिटेड का स्टाकयार्ड खोलने का विचार है ;

(घ) यदि हां, तो गांधीधाम में प्रस्तावित स्टाकयार्ड के कब तक खोले जाने की संभावना है ; और

(ङ) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

इस्पात मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री संतोष मोहन देव) : (क) स्टील आथारिटी आफ इंडिया लिमिटेड के स्वामित्व और प्रबंधन में विभागीय स्टाकयार्डों की स्थापना कई घटकों पर निर्भर करती जैसे आर्थिक व्यवहार्यता इस्पात खपत के संदर्भ में क्षेत्र की भावी संभावना इस्पात संयंत्रों से उपलब्धता की तुलना में बिक्री की संभावित वृद्धि, वर्तमान नेटवर्क के किसी भी मौजूदा वितरण केन्द्र से प्रस्तावित स्थान की वास्तविक समीपता आदि ।